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Aris, Brazilians banned for this

I don't particularly like gloating (well, no more than the next man) — but I am not the least bit surprised about the collapse of the November Tournament."

If you recall, it was in these columns some months ago that I made the exclusive prediction that Poland would not be able to send a team — in the middle of their season.

More recently, I expressed my sincere doubts about the value of our present "World Cup sub-committee" and their knowledge of international affairs.

So the gloating is in order. They've botched the tournament — and the whole year.

Why the ASF maniacally persists with this pre-historic body is a mystery. Well, not really a mystery: it builds the self-importance of some people to dabble into matters which look glamorous, important — and of which they know practically nothing.

Now it seems certain that our whole international program this year will end without further matches at home.

Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane had the same gripe against what the British Press labelled as their side; that was the big program the Sub-committee worked out.

Let me repeat for emphasis: Sydney, for example, had one international match in 1983, 90 minutes of soccer during which not one goal fell.

And they talk to us about "entertaining the public..."

And yet... when earlier this year St. George wanted to bring out an ace Brazilian team — at their own risk and expense — they were curiously told by the ASF that it was a no-no as it would interfere with a heavy international program.

Proposed tours by Aris and Boavista also were barred for that one match in June...

I respect the right of West Nally to exercise a strong influence on overseas personnel commitments; after all, they are pouring a lot of money into the ASF coffers.

But I doubt if they will get value for their dollars as long as they deal with the top-heavy, highly bureaucratised and, in international affairs, semi-literate ASF.

The most stunning part of the announced cancellation of the November tournament was the admission that "Sydney would have no suitable grounds... as the SCG will be used for cricket."

Cricket didn't book the SCG last week or even last month. Didn't the ASF know this before? Don't they even make a phone call the check ground availability when they make their plans?

Apparently not. Oh, my God! Any hope for soccer?

In view of this well-publicised non-event, it's hardly surprising that the ASF will turn the position of national coach into a part-time job.

Somewhat later, again in these columns, I strongly advocated just that. Maybe they would have done it anyway; maybe not. The ASF, like the Vatican, does not divulge its motivations and hardly ever shows any reaction to Press suggestions or criticism.

There can be no doubt that Les Scheinfug, one of our most experienced senior coaches, is wasting his time as a fulltime coach.

In May he took the youth team to Mexico for three games — and in December he may take the national side to Singapore. (Frank Arak was in charge of the team against England).

That program, surely, is an insult to an ambitious and energetic man at the peak of his coaching career. His vast experience will be much better utilised with a club.

For a lightweight international program like this, no sane man would be a fulltime coach — not with our limited resources, anyway.

With an infinitely more crammed program in 1973, we reached the World Cup finals — under a part-time coach, Ray Rasic.

Four years earlier, again in a World Cup campaign, we globetrotted around the world from Seoul to Mozambique to Tel Aviv via Rome — under part-time coach Joe Vlastis.

Those years the ASF was more stable and financially stronger; now with the game clearly in a crisis, we luxuriate with a full-time coach who is not given nearly enough to do.

Let's be grateful, really, that they haven't thought of making the World Cup sub-committee full-time, too...

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Howard Tredinnick of Newcastle will be in the National Cup in Singapore in December, and Peter Lewis (Ajax), Doug Brown (Hellas) and Suleiman Curovic (J.U.S.T.) are "dark horses".

The Merlion Cup is the only assignment that remains this year for the Socceroos, as a proposed four-nation tournament against Uruguay, Cameroon and Poland was called off last week.

The tournament at first was to be replaced by a three-match tour by Uruguay, but that has fallen through as well.

ASF secretary Brian le Fevre said that the ASF's sponsor, West Nally, had been unable to raise enough money in advertising pledges and TV rights to underwrite either a tournament or the Uruguay tour.

However, Australia may play against New Zealand home and away early next year.

Meanwhile, national coach Les Scheinfug is worried by the five or six-week gap between the end of the NSL season and the start of the Merlion Cup in December.

"Only the four teams left in the Cup — Helas, Marconi, Heidelberg and Olympic — will have an extended season," he said.

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"What I would like is one training camp, and to leave for Singapore about five days earlier than usual, so we can play two or three warm-up games on the way."

"Otherwise, we'll be like dogs. The players will lose their fitness completely."

Scheinfug is not sure which countries will contest the Merlion Cup, but he has heard that New Zealand, South Korea, Japan, the USA and of course Singapore, will be among them.

Scheinfug will omit at least five of the players who won the Cup for Australia last October.

They are Martyn Crook (West Adelaide), Alan Niven (Brisbane Lions), Gary Byrne (Canberra), David Mitchell (Glasgow Rangers) and George Christopoulos (Canberra).

Tony Henderson (Marconi), Peter Rakopoulos (Olympic) and Gary Cole (Heidelberg) are still in, and Charlie Egan (Hellas) is "under consideration".

Those with a 100 per cent guarantee of playing in the Cup (barring injuries) are: Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg), Steve Blair (SM-Hellas), Alan Davidson (SM-Hellas), Peter Kathlos (Olympic), Terry Greedy (St George Budapest), Tommy McCulloch (Marconi), Phil O'Connor (Wollongong), and Tony Kosmina (Sydney Hakoah).

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Makedonia still the favorite; Soper to beat Brown

The NSL has only five more weeks to run, and the burning question is: Who will win in the last championship conducted under the 16-team format.

Early in the year, I predicted it would be either Sydney Olympic or South Melbourne Hellas, with Sydney City Hakoah also having a chance, but Makedonia proved me wrong.

I think Makedonia will win, but I wouldn't be surprised to see Sydney Hakoah clinch it in the final few rounds.

Remember, if Olympic takes the points from Makedonia in our return game, and if Hakoah beats Makedonia next Sunday, then the title almost certainly would be lost to Makedonia.

In the games ahead, you'll see vast improvement from Olympic, and we'll be fighting for every point. We'll be no pushovers, that's for sure, so stay tuned, folks, as there are some very interesting games coming up.

As for the Cup, we play

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Marshall Soper

Doug Brown

Gary Byrne

against Marconi and Heidelberg meets SM-Hellas in the semi-finals, the week after the last league round.

The final, therefore, will be a NSW v. Victoria affair, and no matter who reaches the final, it will be a crowded-puller because the Greeks and Italians are involved.

The final itself probably will be played in two legs — home and away.

Our aim now is to win the cup for Olympic, because we're too far behind to take the league championship. I hope we'll be meeting Hellenes. That should be a hell of a final.

Scorers not firing

The goalscorers haven't been on target as often as in

past seasons. With the three-point system aimed at encouraging more goals, this is surprising.

Last year about this time, the league top scorer — John Kosmina — had 18 goals.

Before last weekend, however, Marshall Soper (Olympic) led the goalscorers with only 12 goals, followed by Doug Brown (SM-Hellas) and John Bradley (APIA) who were a goal behind in second place.

Kosmina was hanging in there with 10, but don't be surprised if Dez Marton (St. George) knocks them in with much greater regularity over the last five rounds.

For my money, Soper or Bradley will be the top scorer of 1983, and, thanks to Boral Brieks, he'll be \$1000 richer.

When I write about my money, I'm not kidding. I've got a \$50 bet with my editor, who's backing Doug Brown.

Where are you, Gary Byrne?

Whatever happened to Gary Byrne?

He played for Australia against New Zealand early in the year and then for Canberra Arrows in the NSL, but now he's out of action altogether — apparently because he didn't like traveling to Canberra from his home in Sydney, where he's a computer operator with IBM.

He's an intelligent player and a good clubman, so it amazes me that no Sydney club has shown interest in signing him.

Melbourne Soccer Club will take legal action if Croatia plays under the name "Melbourne" in the National League.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Says Melbourne S.C. official Lou Szantho: "We would seek an injunction to stop Croatia from playing under our name," Szantho said.

Under a controversial ASF resolution, NSL clubs are to use district names for "official purposes" and that means the names will be drawn up in district names.

Croatia has been playing as Melbourne Croatia but in NSL fixtures, presumably the club will be referred to only as Melbourne.

Croatia is one of the clubs being sought by the NSL to help make possible an increase to 24 teams next season.

Melbourne S.C., meanwhile, will make a bid for one of the vacancies left in the Victorian State League, by the departure of four clubs to the NSL.

Melbourne, also known as Hungaria, won the Australia Cup during its heyday.

The club moves from Middle Park to a new ground in February.

The new ground is J.T. Gray Reserve in Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown.

It comprises 5 3/4 acres of land, dressing rooms and a pavilion which currently is being built. The first stage will cost \$34,000, including floodlights.

Melbourne will retain Elwood Park and Middle Park for some of its five juniors teams, but also will field juniors in Williamstown.

Szantho says the club attracts up to 500 people for an important game. It now can cash in on that support, as the Williamstown ground is fully fenced, while its Middle Park pitch was not.

Melbourne's top players are sweeper John Bird, striker Danny Ward, and midfielders Ernie Tapai and Gary Carlisle.

John Toth is club president, Mike Lengyel chairman, Bill Hartigay secretary and Mike Lynn coach.

SEATTLE FOLDS IN U.S.

The ailing North American Soccer League has received another blow with the announcement that Seattle Sounders are to fold.

League officials were informed of the dismantlement immediately after Sounders had failed to qualify for the play-offs for only the third time in their 10-year history. Until recently among the NASL's best supported franchises, Seattle twice reached the Soccerbowl — in 1977 and 1982 — but was beaten by Cosmos both times. Last year it gained some consolation by capturing the Trans Atlantic Cup.

The club, from Washington State, will be remembered as a refuge for British professionals Jimmy Sabadin and Alan Hinett, each served as coach and the players roster included Kevin Bond, David Nish, Alan Hudson, Roger Davies, Bruce Riach, Mike England, Bobby Moore, Tommy Hutchinson, Peter Ward and Joe Corrigan.

With a host of other NASL members also in financial strife, Sounders may not be the only casualty of 1983.

— PAUL MOON

DID THE BALL GO THROUGH THE NET?

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL 2 (Hatzioannou 2) MURRUMBEENA HIGH 1 (Anthopoulos own goal), Victorian all-High senior final at Cheltenham High, last Thursday.

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL: Hatzicostas 7 — Anthopoulos 5, Bakopoulos 5, Sardar 8, Belic 6 — Anastasiou 7, Gourlis 8, Chronis 5 (Shing) — Hatzioannou 7, Tassos 7, Belengos 6 (tan).

MURRUMBEENA HIGH SCHOOL: Alistair 5 — Batselas 5, Tolios 9, Nikolopoulos 7.

Muser 7 — Prokopos 5 (Kakavas), Topolidis 8, Gudzowski 6 (Karatzios) — Potiris 5, Tzodvelis 6, Retre 8.

Murrumbeena players were still protesting after the game about a goal disallowed by the referee after a shot by John Topolidis appeared to go right through the net.

Topolidis struck his shot low past goalkeeper Bill Hatzicostas, and raised his arms in glee, believing it was a goal.

But the ball ended up in the shrubbery along the school fence, behind the goal. The referee, after consulting a linesman, ruled the shot had

missed, but the Murrumbeena players as well as teachers behind the goal, said the ball had passed low through the net.

So as it turned out, Richmond High won the Victorian all-High senior championship, with two goals by Arthur Hatzioannou. In fact, Richmond scored all of the goals, for it was an own goal by Nick Anthopoulos that put Murrumbeena into the lead.

Anthopoulos kicked the ball straight up into the air, and although Hatzicostas tried hard to save it, the ball fell through his arms, into the net.

Murrumbeena should have taken control, as

Tony Tolios was playing with great heart in defence, and Topolidis and Carlos Retre were threatening in attack.

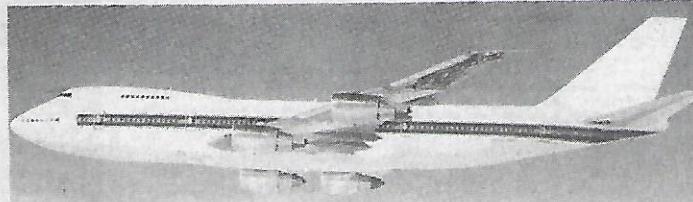
However, Dragan Serdar stood firm in Richmond's defence, and both Nick Gourlis and Ilias Anastasiou drove their team forward relentlessly through the midfield.

Big striker Steve Tassos offered himself as a constant target, but it was right-winger Hatzioannou who finally did the damage.

He scored the equaliser and then put away a pass from Tassos, after good lead-up play by Tan Nguyen down the left wing.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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CRAIG MACKENZIE PROFILES TWO NSL STARS OF 1984

Paul Lewis outscored Ian Rush!

Paul Lewis wants to play for Australia in the next World Cup, definitely will play in the NSL next year wearing either a Green Gully strip or another club's colors, reckons Len McKendry is the best coach in Australia, and wants to put an end to talk about him trialling with leading English clubs.

"My goal is to get into the Australian national side. Sure, I'd love to be a full time professional again but it looks like those days are gone. Now that it looks very unlikely that I'll play for Wales, I'd like to get into the Australian team."

Like his coach at Gully, David Smallman, Lewis is quick to point out that he's not English. He's Welsh and proud of it.

Paul Lewis, 22, hails from Mancot, a small town in the Welsh north, just outside Chester. He signed schoolboy forms with Liverpool as a 14 year old and spent all his holidays for the next two years training at Anfield. Liverpool didn't offer him an apprenticeship.

Burnley, Sheffield Wednesday, Sheffield United and Wrexham followed suit. So it was back to the roots for the blond haired striker and after a two year apprenticeship with Chester, then in Third Division, Lewis was signed as a professional.

He only played a handful of first team games for Chester, spending most of his time in the reserves competing in the Lancashire League.

Lewis' attacking cohort then was Ian Rush, now well established as a goalscorer for Liverpool and Wales, however Rush had to take a back seat while Lewis slumped in 28 goals in one season and was leading scorer twice, feats which prompted Chester manager Alan Oakes to declare: "You could score goals in any company."

But after a year as a professional, Lewis was let go by Oakes, and even now finds that he had to explain.

Lewis went to Newport for trials. Newport wasn't interested. So, he started thinking about trying his luck in a different country. He wrote to the Professional Footballers' Association in Manchester asking for clubs to contact in the U.S. and Australia. He was contacted by Wollongong United, Doveton, Frankston and Green Gully late in 1980. Doveton and Gully sent him contracts. The Gully one was better, so he signed, never realising that he

had joined the club about to write its name indelibly into the history books of Victorian soccer, winning every honor possible over a staggering three year period.

Bobby McLachlan, then Gully manager, now the boss at Footscray J.U.S.T., wanted Lewis to join his new boy, Mandy, earlier in the year for the 1981 Ampol Cup. McLachlan kept telling the press that Lewis would be out any day but as each week passed and Lewis still held up by Immigration red tape, it seemed that we'd never get to see what Gully's new import was like.

Finally, in June 1981, Paul and Mandy Lewis arrived. But Paul Lewis never got off to a dream start.

"My first game was with the reserves against Northcote. I scored, even though I was playing in midfield. The next week I still was in the reserves and I scored again. The next week I was on the bench for the first team and that was how it was for most of the remainder of the season, even though every time McLachlan brought me on I scored. (McLachlan) said that he couldn't change the team because the lads were playing so well."

Things were different in 1982.

"Kevin Wall returned to Frankston City and I think the supporters got onto Bobby McLachlan's back a bit about me scoring goals and not getting a regular game. Anyway, last year it was me and big Gus (MacLeod) up front and it worked really well. We used to knock balls from the back looking for Gus and I'd work off his flick-ons..."

MacLeod had been leading State League scorer in 1981 but now it was the turn of one of young forward with the electrifying burst of speed. Lewis slumped in 23 league goals, five more than Dave Brogan of Croatia and Davy Rigby of George Cross.

"It was great to have such a good season. If I couldn't play here, I'd be as well playing amateur back home, so it was important to me to establish myself."



Paul Lewis has just scored one of his many goals this season.

Vidaic the Croatia strongman

Sydney Croatia defender Bruno Vidaic learned how to hit hard by playing rugby league as a teenager and reckons that the NSL is in for a big surprise when his team gets onto the park next year against the Marconis, APIA Leichhardt and St. Georges of this world.

"We tend to be a bit lazy against weaker teams in State League but we're going to be the underdogs in the NSL next year and that'll suit us just fine. We'll show the more established clubs a thing or two," said Vidaic.

Vidaic played rugby league for Patriotic Brothers Fairfield in the Commonwealth Cup, a schools competition, while also playing for Auburn in State League in the 1970's. Rugby gave him the sharpness and aggression to stand out as a soccer player. He reckons that rugby league players are about as fit as Aussie Rules players, which makes them a lot fitter than most soccer players, according to Vidaic.

"Playing rugby as a youngster was an advantage for me as a soccer player. While soccer relies more on finesse and in-



Sydney Croatia's State League champion team of 1982. Back row: J. Kuze (coach) B. Vidaic, D. Galic, T. Basic, G. Sterry, K. Coleman, S. Watson, I. Barker, M. Kovacic, P. Hensman, R. Carrizo, V. Rezo (team manager), Dr K. Bosnic. Front row: D. Tomasich, B. Woods, D. Rezo, J. Coyne, S. Dukic, L. Sterry, W. Savor.

telligence, rugby is more reliant on brute strength."

Could there be a message there for established NSL strikers like Marshall Soper of Sydney Olympic, Phil O'Connor of Wollongong, John Kosmina of Sydney City, Charlie Egan of South Melbourne Hellas and Mark Jankovic of Marconi?

Are we about to unearth a claimant to the title of the hardest man in the NSL? We all know about the strength of Heidelberg's Charlie Yankos. Footscray J.U.S.T.'s Kyriakouleas, Arnol George of APIA and David Ratcliffe of St. Georges could Vidaic become a member of this elite group of NSL strongmen?

However, Vidaic the soccer player, isn't just about brute strength. There's technique there too, learned under coaches such as Joe Marston, Joe Martin, Vic Dalgleish, Attila Abonyi, Dom Kapetanovic and current Croatia coach Josip Kuze.

Marston, Martin and Dalgleish all coached Vidaic at Auburn, the club he joined as a 15 year old, making his first team debut in 1976, against Manly in an Ampol Cup match.

"Auburn's a great club. It's not exactly overflowing with money, so it promotes a lot of young players, which is excellent, but recently the big clubs have come and snatched up the best young prospects."

Vidaic transferred to Sydney Croatia for the start of the 1979 season, for just \$400, the maximum fee stipulated in his contract with Auburn. And former Soccer great Abonyi, coached Croatia that year and is widely tipped to be returning to the club next season.

"You can't help but respect Ottie Abonyi. How can you not respect a man who did it all as a player? Players want to perform for him because they respect him so much. And he's always trying to improve himself as a coach, always learning new training techniques and always willing to try something different," said Vidaic.

His junior career was highlighted by representing NSW in the national under-18 titles in 1977 and being selected by then national team coach Brian Green in the Australian under-18 squad, which was due to tour America, a trip cancelled because of lack of funding. Greg Woodhouse, Ian Rowden, Tom Basic and Craig Hall also played in that NSW under-18 team.

And earlier this year, Vidaic was included in the NSW state squad which travelled to Brisbane and was beaten 2-0 by Queensland.

Watch out for this strong defender. And that's not just a tip to NSL fans but a warning to some of the country's finest attackers.



• Souness • Yankos • McCulloch • Curovic • Paul Lewis • Belic • Bertogna • Villani

Scheinflug sizes them up

DOUG BROWN (Hellas striker)

this year. I definitely will give him a chance."

OSCAR CRINO (Hellas mid-fielder): "I like Crino, who played in the 1981 World Youth Championships, of course. I can't afford him as libero."

JOE SENKALSKI (Newcastle mid-fielder): "He's super, the next he's below average. He can do anything on his day, as he proved when he came on against Mexico a few years ago, but I'd first like to see him go through a season without injuries, and with more consistency."

PAUL LEWIS (Ajara striker): "He's been recommended to me highly and I've seen quite a few times myself. He's quick and lively, and he's good around the box, as is evident from the 26 goals he's scored

so far this year. I definitely will give him a chance."

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VLATKO BELIC (Footscray

From page one

J U S T mid-fielder: "His coach, Bobby McLachlan, has given me good reports about him, and if he keeps improving, he'll be a strong candidate."

SULEIMAN CUROVIC (Footscray J.U.S.T. utility): "After J.U.S.T. had beaten Marconi, I said to McLachlan, 'Who is that guy?' He had marked Mark Jankovic out of the game, and you know how fast Mark is over the first few yards. Curovic has tremendous skill, plus great skill which he overdoes sometimes.

But I'm very, very impressed by him, and he's a dark horse for the squad."

MARSHALL SOPER: "He has some outstanding qualities, despite his club antics. If I were to coach Olympic, I'd pay him only when he delivers and only when he doesn't cause trouble, but he knows that in the national team, he can't get away with anything."

ARNO BERTOGNA (APIA centre back): "He was out for quite a while due to injury, but he's still under consideration. I'm blessed with stoppers, so it depends on which of them show me the most."

ROBERT WHEATLEY (Blacktown full back): "He's maturing well and come to the fore next year, if Blacktown gets into the NSL."

CHARLIE VILLANI (Adelaide Juventus): "He's always had great potential, and I believe from all reports, that he's been showing it this year."

SERGIO MELTA (Adelaide Juventus): "He's another who's been very consistent for the South Australians. I'll keep watching him."

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• Albury City the 1983 Albury-Wodonga Association champions, from left, rear: Chiko Vojnovic, Prudovic, Tudor, Grutzmacher, Piniatis, Alavak, Van Dijk, Frank Martinez, N. Andronicos, Metterer, Venieris, Andronicos. Final standings:

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ALBURY CITY.....	21	20	1	0	100	11	41
LAVINGTON.....	21	18	2	3	87	14	37
DIAMONDS.....	21	16	2	3	73	22	34
MYTLEFORD.....	21	14	2	5	77	34	30
WANDERS.....	21	13	2	6	61	41	28
Wangaratta.....	21	8	3	10	41	43	19
Wodonga City.....	21	7	2	12	31	54	16
Hotspurs.....	21	6	3	11	44	70	15
West Wodonga.....	21	5	2	14	36	57	13
St Pat's.....	21	4	5	12	28	60	13
Rangers.....	21	2	2	17	33	82	6
United.....	21	2	0	19	18	123	4



MIGHTY MELITA!

Raul Blanco and Melita Eagles have had yet another successful season. After earlier success with Melita, Blanco moved to St George, then Marconi but failed. His return to Melita has reaped a rich reward with Melita winning the Premiership by pipping Croatia on goal average.

With Yugal an arch rival of Croatia, beginning on grimly to a 0-0 draw at King Tomislav Park, Melita had to win by more than four goals to overtake Croatia.

With 20 minutes to go the score at Melita Stadium was still 3-0. But then in a devastating 20 minute spell Melita scored four goals to take the title.

For John McKie, Melita's livewire forward and two-goal hero, the game failed to provide just one more goal. If it had he would have shared top

scoring honors for 1983 with Terry Smith of Manly, Nick Theodoropoulos of Canterbury, and Vivie Eaton of Kuruniga.

And while Croatia was losing its Premiership lead, Kuruniga lost at the Gabbie Stadium in its quest for a semi-final spot. Leading 2-1 and with only 14 minutes remaining, Kuruniga conceded a goal which sent it tumbling to fifth spot and out of the semi-finals to be played this week.

Sutherland scored a goal in each half to ensure its semi-



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

final spot and also managed to have its second and third grades in the semis for good measure. Sutherland must certainly rate its chances of reaching the Grand Final as good since its most awesome display of the season came against Canterbury, and this is the time of season when Sutherland usually hits top gear.

At the bottom of the table we had yet another drama enacted.

Bankstown and Auburn met at the Soccer Centre to determine the holder of the wooden spoon for 1983. Bankstown score almost from the kick-off and looked the better team during the opening spell. Then disaster struck. Wayne Barker was sent off and all went astray for the luckless Bankstown. Quigley equalised to keep Auburn in second last spot and keep Bankstown at the bottom of the league.

Croatia 0 Yugal 0

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Tomasic, Woods, Sterry, Vidic, Rezo, Savo, Arnold, Silva (M), Kavacic, Hensman (Holloway). **YUGAL:** Smith, Gogic, Forester, McPherson, Clark, Pehor, Jasic, Dabija, Farkas, Tomasic, Turkubasic, Tanasek, Zivkovic.

Croatia failed yet again to score against Yugal and lost the Premiership in the process

before some 4,000 supporters at King Tomislav Park.

Sure, the home side tried and possibly too hard, but all in vain against a well organised unit from the city. Yugal in fact had chances to snatch the points and Croatia attacked in waves during the second period.

With so many men up front, Croatia's defence was so thin that Yugal had very little to contend with by counter-attacking. However, Ljubo Zivkovic and Ricky Baumgartner, up front for Yugal messed up what little opportunities they had.

Looking for goals and an easy win against Yugal, the local crowd was irate towards the end, even encouraging the visitors at times, a rare occurrence.

For Croatia, most played well but with little real purpose up front. Peter Hensman was having problems with Gogic of Avala and failed to penetrate. Mark Holloway and Marian Kovacic came on during the second period but failed to produce the goods.

Soon after the close of play the local crowd learnt of Melita's goal scoring spree against Polonia. It was clear that Polonia had lost the premiership, a bitter disappointment for Josip Kuze, Croatia's coach, who has done so well and drilled this unit for entertainment as well as goals, which did not come at the time he needed them most.

Sutherland 2 Canterbury 0

GOALS: Beggs, Terry. **SUTHERLAND:** Terry, Hayes, Hesford, Terry, Doherty, Schumann, Harrington, Meades, Webber (67' Clinch), Cashman, Groom, Beggs. **CANTERBURY:** ElZein, Antonopoulos, Law (Phillip 62'), Hanitz, Palmer, Agnastopoulos, Laing, Vassilios, Theodoropoulos, Dimoulos (Thannides 46'), Basterhold.

Much importance was placed on this match between the cellar dwellers despite the fact that neither club will be relegated with the increase of the National League and the departure of some of the State League clubs into the higher echelon.

Bankstown started well enough by scoring in the opening minute with Gilligan the scorer, but had Wayne Parker sent off after 34 minutes. The battle hardened Terry of Auburn before having to settle for a one all draw following a goal by Quigley in the 53rd.

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Vojnovic takes on Scheinflug's 'roos

Chiko Vojnovic has been named as the Riverina District coach following the recent meeting of the Wagga and District Amateur Soccer Association meeting in Wagga.

A huge soccer promotion is planned for the match between the Riverina and the Australian youth side for next year. Vojnovic was the unanimous

choice of the organising committee for the Riverina job.

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ALL THE SCORERS

17 Theodoropoulos (C), Smith (MW), Eaton (M) 16 Arnold (C), McKie (ME) 12 Walker, McLaughlin (BD), Rees (HM) 10 Vojnovic (C) 8 Allen (M) 7 Muris (Av) 6 Duarte (ME), Bago (S), M. Kovacic (Cr) 5 Fernsworth (ME), Clinch (S), Hammar (Cr), Joseph (Av) 4 Kovacik, Thomas (P), Harrington, Wheller, Greene (S), Tavasdi, Michalis (Y), Fernandes (Av), Allen (A), Blackham (B), Krieger (BD), Rees (HM) 3 Dabija (ME) 2 Savo (Ir) 1 Terry (Av) 5 Duarte (ME), Bago (S), M. Kovacic (Cr) 4 Fernsworth (ME), Clinch (S), Hammar (Cr), Joseph (Av) 3 Vojnovic, Thomas (P), Harrington, Wheller, Greene (S), Tavasdi, Michalis (Y), Fernandes (Av), Allen (A), Blackham (B), Krieger (BD), Rees (HM) 2 Rodriguez, Fontana, Houssies, Titt, Lambrey (Av), Pragnell, Kelly, Kilkelly (A), Camilleri, Brown, Sivert, York, Silcox, Agius, Tait, Turner, Weber (C), Argent, Morris, Cuthbertson (HM), Davidson, McPherson (K), Sherman, Van Heukel, Falconer (MW), Grove, Gakes, Smith, Tracy (P), Dallone, Roger, Knowles (S), Pehor, Miljkovic (Y), 1 Milne, Makana, Brown, Burton, Burrows, Deller, Yousouf, Karanfilovci (Av), Tawesim, Baba, Givens, Martinez, Darley (A), Dolton, O'Neill, Hutton, Binks (B), Daumby, Whittlesey, Doherty, Evans, Parrot (BD), Gaze, Lang (C), Stott, Davies, Doherty, Farnsworth (HM), Horner, Watson, Seach (K), Gougham, Scott, Doyle, Steven (MW), Jamie, Williams, McCusland (ME) Subcy, Grossa, Cicilia, Terri (P), Meades, Terry (S), Baumgartner, Karaca, Zivkovic, Clarke, Morello (Y)

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**BORAL
BRICKS**

Alan Davidson of South Melbourne Hellas moved into third position as leaders Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) and Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) both picked up maximum points in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Ten points now separate the top three, with a maximum of 30 points available to each of them, under the 6-5-4-3-2 voting system.

O'Connor remains in the lead, two votes ahead of Yankos. Appropriately, the top three in the voting were the stars of the national team in its three-match series against England this year.

The only others among the top 11 who made advances at the weekend are Graham Heys (West Adelaide Hellas) and John Bradley (APIA).

Marshall Soper (Olympic) stayed in the lead in the Boral

Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award, but Doug Brown (SM Hellas) and John Bradley (APIA) are only a goal behind in second place, with John Kosmina (Sydney Hakoah) a further goal behind.

However, with five games to go, any one of eight players can win the \$1000.

Stretching the point, you could give a chance even to Dez Marton (St. G), Gary Ward (Mak) and Claude Lucchesi (Mak) who have nine goals each — four less than Soper.

This week's votes:

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Soper)
at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 4000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Patikas (SO). 5. Petrovski (Mak). 4. Jones (Mak). 3. O'Leary (Mak). 2. Jennings (SO). 1. Coady (SO).

WOLLONGONG 3 (O'Connor 2, Cotton) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Mullen) at Wol-

longong Showgrounds. Crowd 1100. Votes by Philip Micallef: 6. O'Connor (W). 5. Dulev (W). 4. Cotton (W). 3. Melia (AC). 2. Blair (AC). 1. Vardareff (W).

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Cairns 1, Liddell) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 4 (Marton 2, Barton, Wilkinson) at Spencer Park. Crowd about 1500. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Slater (St. G). 5. Marton (St. G). 4. Hamilton (BC). 3. Barton (St. G). 2. Fabrizio (BC). 1. Wilkinson (St. G).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Brown, Egan)

WEST ADELAIDE
BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Daunt) at Middle Park. Crowd about 3500. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Davidson (SM). 5. Beves (BL). 4. Crino (SM). 3. Vassaroff (BL). 2. Brown (SM). 1. Hogg (BL).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 3 (Mullen, Barnes, Kosmina)
CANBERRA ARROWS 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd about 700. Votes by Knut Werner:

6. Mullen (SC). 5. Robertson (SC). 4. Hummell (C). 3. Pezzano (SC). 2. Kosmina (SC). 1. Byrne (C).

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HELLAS 0 MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd about 1200. Votes by Frank Panganis:

6. McCulloch (M). 5. Henderson (M). 4. Hunter (M). 3. Budini (M). 2. Sprout (WA). 1. Heys (WA).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 0 HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 0 at Adams Oval. Crowd: 3017. Votes by Joe Lanzon:

6. Yankos (H). 5. Lea (H). 4. Lowe (N). 3. Mason (N). 2. H. Tredinnick (N). 1. Macleod (H).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 2 (Bradley, Tredinnick) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 at Lamont Park. Crowd about 2500. Votes by Alex Vesie:

6. P. Tredinnick (APIA). 5. McDowell (JUST). 4. Mariani (APIA). 3. Bradley (APIA). 2. Lujic (JUST). 1. O'Donnell (JUST).

Leaders:
70. O'Connor (W).
68. Yankos (H).

60. Davidson (SM). 57. Odzakov (Mak). Banfield (AC). 55. Ratcliffe (St. G). 53. Wright (BL). 52. Heys (WA). Bradley (APIA). 50. Bryant (C). Sermani (Marc). 49. Jones (Mak). 48. Lowe (N). 46. Henderson (Marc). Greedy (St. G). 45. Skeen (St. G). Kyriakouleas (JUST). 44. Burke (N).

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34. G. Campbell, McMillan (Mak). B. Nykohus (AC). 33. R. Stewart (BL). Lucchesi (Mak). Senkalski (N).

32. Halford (SM). Boland (JUS). G. Watson (N). Perry (BC). 31. Hunter (BL). Wishart (BC). 30. Murphy (SM). Paterson (SO). Belic (JUST). Mason (N).

29. Gibson, T. Byrne (C). McCulloch (Marc). D. Brown (SM). Melia (AC). Gray (APIA).

Top scorers:
13. Soper (SO). 12. Brown (SM). Bradley (APIA). 11. Kosmina (SC). 10. Egan (SM). O'Connor (Cotton (W). Paton (JUST)). 9. Marton (St. G). Ward. Lucchesi (Mak). 8. Bryant (C). R. Brown (Marc). Wright (BL). Mountford (N). 7. Slater (St. G). Mullen (AC). Hamilton (BC).

National League standings

	Last week's standing in brackets	HOME				AWAY				W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
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1. (1) Preston Makedonia	9	2	2	2	27	12	4	5	3	14	12	41	24	46		
2. (3) Sydney City Hakoah	8	4	0	21		6	4	4	5	15	20	36	26	44		
3. (2) Newcastle KB United	6	4	3	18		7	6	2	4	20	12	38	19	42		
4. (4) St George Budapest	6	5	1	17		8	5	4	4	19	15	36	23	42		
5. (5) South Melbourne Hellas	6	3	4	19		17	6	2	4	18	16	37	33	41		
6. (6) APIA-Leichhardt	8	2	2	26		9	2	2	8	13	20	39	29	37		
7. (7) Sydney Olympic	6	2	5	19		14	5	2	5	13	12	32	26	37		
8. (8) Marconi-Fairfield	6	3	3	23		17	3	5	5	15	16	38	33	35		
9. (9) Brisbane City	4	5	4	19		20	4	3	5	12	19	31	39	32		
10. (10) Footscray J.U.S.T.	5	4	3	14		18	3	4	6	7	17	21	35	22		
11. (11) Adelaide City Juventus	5	3	5	14		13	3	3	7	15	19	29	32	30		
12. (12) Canberra Arrows	6	3	3	24		13	2	2	9	14	30	38	43	29		
13. (13) Heidelberg Alexander	6	2	4	16		12	0	8	5	7	19	23	31	28		
14. (14) West Adelaide Hellas	4	6	4	15		17	1	6	4	6	13	21	30	27		
15. (15) Wollongong	1	9	3	16		17	2	3	8	17	30	33	49	21		
16. (15) Brisbane Lions	5	2	5	21		19	0	4	9	9	33	30	52	21		

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Sutherland Shire and Penrith United are reinforcing the clubs' cases for a place in the NSL.

Four places will be allocated to NSW for the

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Preston Makedonia at Sydney Olympic Field, 2.30 pm.
Record: Hakoah 3 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 10 goals.

SUNDAY

Footscray J.U.S.T. v. St George Budapest (draw) at Schineller Reserve, 3pm.
Record: JUST 4 wins, 4 draws, 3 losses, 20.15 goals.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. West Adelaide Hellas at Middle Park, 3pm.
Record: West Ad. 7 wins, 2 draws, 4 losses, 18.19 goals.

Adelaide City Juventus v. Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Oval, 2.30 pm.
Record: Adelaide City 10 wins, 4 draws, 4 losses, 17.13 goals.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. Wollongong at St George Stadium, 3pm.
Record: Wollongong 3 wins, 0 draws, 2 losses, 8.6 goals.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD v. Brisbane City at Marconi Stadium.
Record: Marca. 7 wins, 3 draws, 3 draws, 26.18 goals.

Brisbane Lions v. NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at Richlands, 3pm.
Record: Lions 4 wins, 4 draws, 3 losses, 18.16 goals.

Canberra Arrows v. APIA-LEICHHARDT at Bruce Stadium, 3pm.
Record: APIA 6 wins, 3 draws, 0 loss, 19.6 goals.

NOW FIVE TEAMS VIE FOR TITLE
By LAURIE SCHWAB



From page one

With Flavell out, there now is a vacancy for Livingstone.

But if Odzakov recovers — meaning there will be only one vacancy in the team — coach Peter Ollerton may prefer to opt for the experience of Isaac Farrell.

One thing seems certain: George McMillan will drop back into midfield because only he has the tackling power and the physical qualities to replace those of Flavell.

This game is being billed as the championship decider. That description however, is not accurate when you consider that neither team is guaranteed of winning the following week — Makedonia against local rival Heidelberg-Alexander, and Hakoah against Marconi.

The league is so close now that any one of five clubs can win the championship — Makedonia, Hakoah, St George Budapest, Newcastle and SM Hellas.

In the Victorian Football League, Essendon stands poised to win the grand final although it finished only fourth in the home-and-away series.

Can Hellas win the NSL title from fifth

It's a distinct possibility.

On recent form, Hellas is possibly the best team in the league. After all, it has beaten Hakoah, Makedonia and Newcastle!

By my reckoning, Hellas will come mighty close. In fact, I believe the championship will go to either Hakoah or Hakoah, with Hakoah the favorite because it leads Hellas by three points at the moment.

The remaining games for the five top contenders with home games in capitals, are:

MAKEDONIA v. Hakoah, Heidelberg, FOOTSCRAY JUST, WEST ADEL. HELLAS, Sydney Olympic.

SYDNEY HAKOAH v. MAKEDONIA, Marconi, BRISBANE LIONS, Newcastle, Canberra.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED v. Brisbane Lions, Wollongong, ST. GEORGE, HAKOAH, Heidelberg.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST v. Footscray JUST, APIA-L'HARDT, Newcastle, MARCONI, Brisbane City.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. WEST ADEL. HELLAS, Syd. Olympic, MARCONI, APIA-L'HARDT, Brisbane Lions.

Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson finishes his current contract with the club at the end of the year, and hopes to mark the occasion with a fourth successive

championship win.

Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton — whose attacking partnership rivals that of Charlie Egan and Doug Brown — were devastating against Adelaide Juventus, and will cause the Olympic defence a few headaches.

Any team that loses to the league tail-enders has its reputation tarnished. So it is with Adelaide Juventus, whose players will still be blushing next Sunday when they try in vain to break down the powerful Heidelberg-Alexander defence.

Jim Tansey has yet to experience defeat since taking over as player-coach of Heidelberg. He has reorganized the defence, and according to all reports, both Gary Cole and Derek Lee were dead drunk with Newcaste's week's scoreless draw with Newcastle.

Similarly, Marconi did everything but score against West Adelaide, and is determined to make amends against Brisbane City at home.

Meanwhile, Thompson will look to the Mullen-Barnes-Boden combination to help engineer a victory over Makedonia on Saturday.

Mullen, who was out of the team for many weeks, returned in a defeat to Hellas a few weeks ago, and scored one of the goals against Canberra last Sunday.

Boden, who has missed most of the season through injury, had only his second game back against Canberra, and used his skill to distribute the ball to wingers Willie Murray and Joe Watson, and support John Kostopoulos.

Barnes, former captain of Australia, almost had to give the game a miss due to a knee injury, but he recovered to add his strength and stature to the midfield and, like Mullen, scored a goal.

Last time the teams met, a Barnes own goal started a rout that led to a 4-0 victory to Makedonia, but that was before Hakoah had found its rhythm.

Makedonia could go into the game for a point, which would keep it on top of the ladder, but it's extremely difficult to play defensively against Hakoah whose players are so skilful that if you concede possession to them, they'll keep the ball for most of the game.

Rene Vasquez, the young Brisbane Lions sweeper, did well to clear off the line twice in the match against Hellas last Sunday, but even he will be left floundering against the aggressive Newcastle forward line and midfield on Sunday.

Heidelberg managed a scoreless draw with Newcastle, but the Lions defence isn't half as strong as Heidelberg's, and is bound to crack under pressure from David Lowe, Bob Mountford, Joe Senkalski, Grant Lee and David Jones.

A draw between Hakoah and Makedonia would give Newcastle the chance to move to within two points of top place.

Third-placed St George Budapest meanwhile, faces a tough assignment against Footscray JUST at Schineller Reserve.

The curtain-raiser, at 1pm, is the Victorian Women's Soccer Association Cup

final between Greensborough and Rowville United.

Players to watch are Rowville's goalkeeper Nicole Holding who's only 14 years old, Danielle Deehauneau and top-scorer Caroline Warren Smith; and Greensborough's player-coach Janette Meivin of the Australian All-Stars, midfielder Andy Martin who represented Australia in Hawaii last year and two other national team stars, Shona Bass and Kim Coates.

Greensborough is the hot favorite

St George has David Ratcliffe back

after suspension, meaning John O'Shea

can return to the midfield.

JUST's 10-week unbeaten run ended

against APIA last week, but although it lost 0-2, JUST had enough chances to win.

Gary McDowell, playing a strong mid-field game, hit the crossbar with a strong shot, and had a header cleared off the line by Peter Tredinnick. Joe Carroll also hit the woodwork.

West Adelaide has been bleeding youngsters, and even has resorted to using stopper Robbie Dunn as a makeshift striker.

With so many players in top form — John Bradley, Peter Tredinnick, Terry Butler, Bertie Mariani, Alan Bertogna, Mark Brindley — APIA should have little trouble against stolid Canberra, but Sydney Olympic is likely to be given a fight by Wollongong, whose enthusiasm was boosted by its first home victory last weekend.

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Hakoah, says Abonyi

By
Ted Simmonds

SC-Hakoah 3 Canberra 0

Scorers: Mullen, Barnes, Kosmina.

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Crowd: about 700.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH:
Pezzino 8 — Mullen 9 (Gomez 70th), Robertson 8, O'Connor 7, Cart 7 — Watson 7, Boden 7, Key 7, Barnes 7 — Kosmina 8, Murray 6. Coach: Eddie Thomas.

CANBERRA ARROWS:
Hummel 8 — Murray 6, Byrne 7, Walsh 6 (Young 6, 52nd), Ambrosino 6 — Cole 6, Stone 6, Bryant 6 — Gibson 5, Brennan 5, Farina 6. Coach: Attila Abonyi.

Sydney Hakoah had little more than a training run in scoring a 3-0 win over Canberra.

Hakoah led 2-0 at half time through goals by Kevin Mullen and Murray Barnes, with John Kosmina adding the third midway into the second session.

Hakoah, the defending champion, is now two points behind National League leader Makedonia and the two teams clash at the Sydney Athletic Field on Saturday.

Canberra coach Attila Abonyi, while disappointed at the failure of his team to make enough use of the ball, had little doubt about the ultimate league winner.

The pressure is now really on Makedonia and I think Hakoah will win the competition by about five points," he said.

Canberra almost scored from the kick-off when the ball was whipped to Tony Brennan and his cross found Farina in the penalty box.

Farina powered a left foot drive at Tony Pezzino, which bounced off the keeper and was scrambled away by the defence.

Hakoah quickly recovered and took charge of the play, feeding the ball wide to Willie Murray and Joe Watson on the lines.

Barnes, eight minutes later, galloped down the left side, cut inside two defenders and hammered a shot that hit the post into the corner of the goal.

Most of the fire went out of Canberra and mistakes crept into its play as it tried to find a way through the tight defence.

Hummel made two brilliant fingertip saves from shots by Mullen early in the second half but had no answer in the 75th minute when Barnes found room on the left and his cross was slotted home by Kosmina.

It was Hummel's first match this season for the senior side after regular keeper Steve Hoszowski was ruled out with an injured hand.

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Ken Boden floated a corner across the face of the goal in the 20th minute which Canberra keeper Chris Maroni punched 20 metres to Mullen, who promptly hit it into the back of the net.

Barnes, eight minutes later,



St George Budapest coach Frank Arok (centre) toasts the 4-2 victory over Brisbane City with his stars, from left: Robbie Slater, Mark Barton, Paul Wilkinson and Dez Marton. Picture by Carlos Picasso.

Hermiston fumes, Marton magic!

Brisb. City 2 St George 4

Scorers, St G: Barton 14th, Wilkinson 43rd, Marton 63rd and 72nd; BC: Cairney 55th, Liddell 90th.

Venue: Spencer Park.

Crowd: about 1500.

Caution: Liddell (BC).

Referee: Dave Nugent 9.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST:
Greedy 7, Skeen 8, J. O'Shea 8, Petkovski 6, M. O'Shea 7, Barton 8, Stone 8, R. O'Shea 7, Slater 9, Marton 9 (Daskas 82nd), Cairney 7.

BRISBANE CITY:

Perry 8, Liddell 7, Wilkinson 6, Pimblett 5, Williamson 5, Fabrizio 7, Hamilton 8, Bromfield 6, (Fazio 63rd), Cairney 7.

SCORING:

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IN A RARE OUTBURST, THE QUIETLY-spoken Jim Hermiston blasted his players after Brisbane City was outclassed 4-2 by St George at Spencer Park.

An after-match lecture which could clearly be heard outside the dressing room, Hermiston attacked his players for lack of commitment.

"You must start believing in yourselves — you must start wanting to do it."

Hermiston said later he was bitterly disappointed with many of his players, some of whom he claimed were not interested in the ball.

"They were a good side and I wouldn't mind losing to a good side if I knew we gave our best try. But in the end there were some players who just could not be bothered."

City was run ragged by the exciting St George soccer show which in this match gave one of its crowning performances.

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Ken Boden, playing his second match in two weeks for Hakoah firsts, made a big difference to the attack and his control and delicate touch kept a steady flow of passes to Kosmina and the two wingers.



Ricky Rosso

Despite the absence of Dave Ratcliffe, St George played with the precision of a machine but the flair of an artist.

Through wingers Rob Slater and Dez Marton they utilised every spare space of Spencer Park while City roamed around its home park like a mob of mindless sheep.

And such a performance was so unnecessary, for as Hermiston said, the City team is incapable of so much more.

On the odd occasion in this match the team did put it together, led by workers Bob Hamilton, Luciano Fabrizio and Frank Liddell and talented performances from Joe Cairney and Steve Perry, City showed it could match St George.

But they were only brief spells.

The Sydeniders created three good chances inside the first 10 minutes and with front runners Wilkinson, Slater and Marton interchanging with each attack, the City defence was confused.

Caird and Wilkinson were particularly vulnerable to the speed of Slater and Marton and the dangerous overlapping of David Skeen.

It was a break from Slater in the 11th minute which led to what was an inevitable goal.

Slater got behind Wilkinson and cut a low cross back from the byline. When it reached the ball, the tireless Mark Barnes, among St George's best on the day, glided in to slot the ball past Wishart.

Slowness by City players to get back in defence was highlighted when St George went

Fears about Xanthopoulos

SM-Hellas 2 Brisb. Lions 1

Scorers: 1-0 Brown 19m, 2-0 Egan 68m, 2-1 Daunt 82m

Ground: Middle Park

Attendance: 3500 (estimated)

Referee: Sam Zoumas 6

Caution: Blair

HELLAS: Laumets 7; Russell 7, Blair 7, Yzendoorn 7, Davidson 9; Murphy 7, Halford 7, Crino 7; Egan 7, Brown 8, Woodin 7; Coach: Len McKendry

BRISBANE LIONS: Beves 9; McSkinn 6; Niven 6; Vassquez 8; Nixon 7; Vincent 6; J. Stewart 6; R. Stewart 6; Hogg 8 (Anderson 61m); Wright 7, Daunt 6; Coach: Simon Kistemaker.



Peter Desira

needs is one more casualty to shatter all thoughts of a title win.

As it was, Hellas survived a minor scare when Charlie Egan turned an ankle and pulled out of training on Thursday night.

McKendry hushed the whole thing up and Egan managed not only to see the game out but also to score only his second goal in the past eight matches.

And how vital his 68th minute effort turned out to be, despite the fact that Hellas dominated this game for long periods.

Lions, after being reduced to defending in depth for most of the second half, pulled a goal out of nothing eight minutes from the end and turned the match into a really tight finish.

Xanthopoulos hasn't trained for two weeks and pulled up "very sore" from a light training high job into the St George half. The second half of the game, however, was highlighted when Cairney was allowed to run free onto the ball, which John O'Shea possibly thought was close enough to Greedy.

Although in the end the ball went off Cairney's knee, he did well to get a ball which was coming down from a great height from behind him. The goal capped a promising performance from the little Scot who is relishing his second chance in the City team after playing much of the year in reserves.

But for sheer goal magic nothing could be taken away from Dez Marton's next two efforts which sealed the game for St George.

The first was a rocket-like goal after good lead-up work from Slater and Wilkinson and the next an even more powerful freekick that smashed against the underside of the crossbar and into the goal.

Both goals were exhibitions of superb finishing and highlighted once again what a valuable match winner the ageless Marton can be.

Frank Liddell finished off the six-goal tally by scooping in a pass by Williamson from the right post but the goal will go to him for at least one week.

Liddell was cautioned by referee Dave Nugent, who I thought had a fine game, and will be suspended for City's clash with Marconi this weekend.

In fact the difference between the two sides can be seen in the effectiveness by the two central strikers on the day John Bradley for APIA and Jamie Paton for J.U.S.T.

While Bradley scored one and set up the other for Tredinnick, Paton was kept quiet for most of the match and even when he seemed set for Paton to score, he missed it up.

After an eventful first 10 minutes during which we saw Dennis Boland keep J.U.S.T.'s net intact with one brilliant save and Bradley hit the post with a header, the game developed into a tough midfield battle with Gary McDowell and Brian O'Donnell getting the better of the exchanges.

J.U.S.T. looked good enough to take at least a point, with McDowell almost scoring in the 13th with a superb 18-metre strike which was cleared off the line by Tredinnick, then a Jamie Paton header from only six metres was saved by Parks in the 42nd minute.

After the interval the two sides looked set for a point each until a freak goal by Bradley broke the deadlock. Boland misjudged his clearance and it hit Kyriakoules to rebound to Bradley on the 16-metre line and one of the neatest lobbed follows to give APIA the lead.

As for Zdravko Lujic, well, he is still one of the best in the land, giving young Carter problems which no player has been able to create at Lambert Park. It was unfortunate for the visitors that the final punch was sadly missing.

an Egan header and Oscar Crino controlled the rebound only to blast over the bar before Hellas hit the lead in the 19th minute.

Doug Brown was involved at the start of the move exchanging passes with Alan David, then moving into the box to slot the final shot home after the ball had been worked into the area via Crino and Egan.

The goal was Brown's ninth in the past nine matches and brought his tally for the season to 12, one behind leading NSW scorer Marshall Soper.

The goalpost denied a Kenny Murphy shot with Brett Beves beaten, before Egan added to the score in the 68th minute.

Murphy provided the cross from the right to the far post and Egan turned past a defender to hammer home.

Beves distinguished himself with the save of the match in the 74th minute.

Brown latched onto a poor header from Alan Hunter, slipped his marker and then had only the keeper to beat, but Beves had come off his line well and spread himself to smother the fierce shot.

Cup final

The National Soccer League has set November 14 as the date for its Player of the Year presentation night to be held at Melbourne's Southern Cross Hotel.

The date will enable players and officials to stay over in Melbourne after the second leg of the National Cup Final at Olympic Park on November 13.

The first leg of the final will be played in Sydney on November 6.

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(SC-Hakoah) (Wollongong)

YANKOS (7) DAVIDSON (5)
(Heid. Alexander) (SM-Hellas)

MCCULLOCH (4)
(Mercon)

P. TREDINNICK (4)
(APIA)

SLATER (1) PATIKAS (1)
(St. G. Budapest) (Syd. Olympic)

MARTON (3) O'CONNOR (6)
(St. G. Budapest) (Wollongong)

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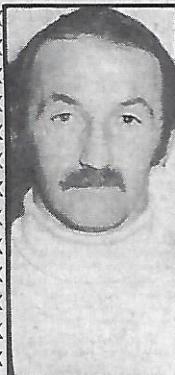
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By LAURIE SCHWAB



Ray Pocock slipped away to Queensland last week to get married, after having lifted Western Suburbs back into the State League.

While players and club leaders celebrated their triumph, the man who had made it possible wasn't even there to savor the taste of glory.

According to Wests president Savvas Kagioglou, Pocock gave the team an "80 per cent lift" after joining from Heidelberg-Bundoora for the last 10 games of the season. What a bargain! His transfer fee was only \$400.

"He gave our attacking line his great experience and he contributed to the feeling of

Ray Pocock |



The 1979 Western Suburbs team that was promoted to State League, from left, standing: Ray Pocock (coach), Bernie Parkin, Joe Kiss, Jim Daparis, Ian McCarthy, Andy Czernik, Jim Kondilis. Front: George Theocharidis, Daxi Kyriatidis, Mimi Psaioumou, Mike Glykokalamos, Steve Moore, Greg Daglis.

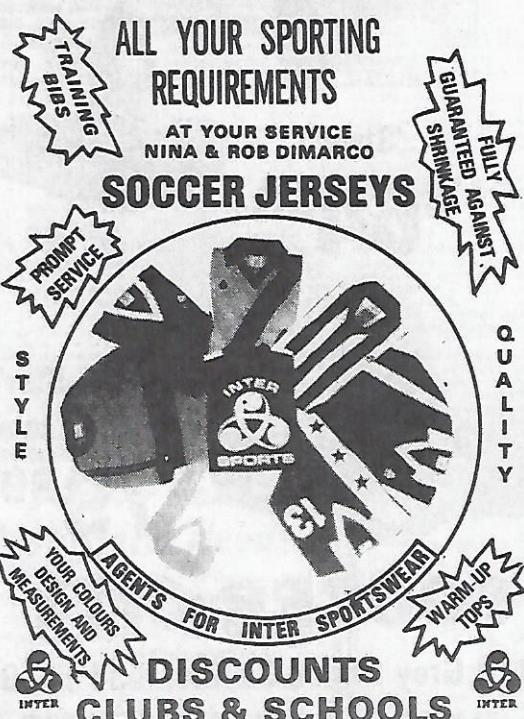
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Kagioglou heaps praise on Pocock

close friendship between the players," Kagioglou said this week.

It was while Pocock was player-coach of Western Suburbs in 1979 that Wests gained their first promotion to the State League. The team in 1979 included none other than the great Greek international Mimi Papaiouannou.

Pocock wanted to avoid the pressure of State League coaching so he left Wests to become player-coach of Bell Park, which also won promotion under him.



Coach Jim Kondilis

But Sunshine City, the club for which he played about 300 games, finally persuaded him to try his hand at State League coaching in 1982 — albeit with a "joint coach" Steve Gav. When Sunshine amalgamated with Carnegie, Pocock switched to Heidelberg Bun doora, until returning to Ralph Reserve to help lif Wests to the First Division championship.

He brought with him the talent and the wiles developed in a long and glorious career, during which he:

- Played with Crystal Palace under 18 team in England, scoring 34 goals one year.

- Scored 29 goals and was named "Soccer News" 1970 Player of the Year during two and a half years with Melbourne-Hungaria;

- Scored 68 goals in just under three seasons with Canterbury-Marrickville which won promotion to the NSW State League while he was there;

- Scored 14 goals in 21 games with Marconi;

- Played for Australia against an Auckland XI in 1971.

But there were other heroes of Wests' championship triumph this year.



Those who deserve pride of place are president Kagioglou and coach Jim Kondilis, who have served the club with devotion for almost 20 years.

Kagioglou, goalkeeper with South Melbourne Hellas from 1963 to 1968, was Wests' first coach after the club amalgamated with ICI Deer Park. He coached for four years and during that time, Wests were promoted three times.

Proprietor of South Sunshine Kitchens, Kagioglou has been club president for three years.

Kondilis played in the Greek Second Division before coming to Australia, and he played in goal for Wests from 1967 until as recently as last year, when he stood in as reserve keeper.

On the field, Wests benefited greatly from the purchase of Frank Mussel from Sunshine

City for only \$850, 11 games before the end of the season.

"He was the best midfielder in the First Division, by far," Kagioglou said, "and he's also a very good person — a fine character."

Mussel's midfield partner was Andy Esposito who was recruited from the George Cross reserves. He is the brother of Ralph Esposito who played for Polonia.

PLAYERS FEES BE SLASHED

Expect big changes on the club scene next year — at least in Sydney. The majority of the clubs — if not all of them — are likely to scrap player contracts and signing-on fees.



By ANDREW DETTRE

The Sydney clubs already have discussed such a plan informally and an agreement is almost certain.

The sad truth is that clubs no longer can afford such guaranteed income, particularly in the vicinity of \$10,000 a year.

From 1984, most clubs will prefer to pay increased win and "crowd" bonuses rather than blindly entering into contracts which have swept many of them to the verge of insolvency.

This, in turn, will strengthen the various NSW Federation clubs who will gain top, experienced players who would be normally well outside their reach.

Even the overall standards may suffer temporarily and this is the only truly frightening aspect of the likely proposed switch to tighter economic management.

However, at the same time, a host of very talented young players suddenly will get their chance to fill vacancies in NSL teams.

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few problems for coaches. Many players, particularly the more experienced ones, will think twice before sacrificing four or even three nights of their week for vigorous training.

I easily can foresee quite a number of current stars, close to 30, quitting NSL clubs and continuing their soccer with amateur clubs where they may earn even less — but one training night a week is all they have to undertake.

This, in turn, will strengthen the various NSW Federation clubs who will gain top, experienced players who would be normally well outside their reach.

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Talking of training schedules and frequencies: St George supreme Frank Arrok is experimenting at present with something radically new.

Arrok wants to hold his team's last training session of the week on Saturday afternoons — 24 hours before the match — and not Fridays. Provided, of course, that the players agree to "lose" their precious weekend day.

"It's been proved physiologically that the 'energy reserve' in the muscles and tissues can be stored for no more than 24 hours," he says.

"If you train on Friday and play on Sunday, very little of that reserve can be saved. But within a 24-hour span, almost all of it is kept and can be released in a burst."

"We have tried this with the youth team — and it worked.

"Of course, in individual sports such as athletics, swimming, tennis and others, this has been known for years; these sportsmen even train a few hours before their

actual event — and certainly just two days before.

"I cannot see why soccer should be different, why we must stick a tradition if research data available to show us the way."

Still on the subject of coach No. 1, I am NOT obsessed with them, it's just that they have been newsworthy this week.

I read with some sadness the reported comments of Wollongong coach Willie Wallace in which indirectly maligned St. George veteran Des Marton.

If the quotes were right, W said that it was a poor reflection on the NSL if Marton, at 34, could be still regarded a star.

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Terry Banagan (ex-Sunshine, Brighton ICL, Tas), accompanied Pockock from Heidelberg-Bundoora but played only a few matches, although he may win a more regular position in the senior team next year, according to Kagioglou.

Let's go through the rest of the team:

BILL JOHNSON, goalkeeper, formerly with Sunshine

and Albion Rovers, has played for the Metropolitan League representative team.

ANDY ESPOSITO, midfielder, recruited from Sunshine City.

GEORGE BORG, right back, joined from George Cross reserves three years ago

HUGH HOWE, sweeper, former Sunshine defender who joined three seasons ago.

STEVE DIMOVSKI, stopper or midfielder, from juniors.

GEORGE LEKAS, left back, from juniors.

BRENDAN FARMER, midfielder or striker, joined from George Cross.

DOMINIC GILBERTO, only 17, highly promising player from juniors.

STEWART GILMOUR, forward, ex-Slavia and Sunshine.

SAVVAS KAGIOGLOU, defender, from juniors.

Western Suburbs, champions of the Victorian First Division, from left, back row: Jim Kondilis (coach), Sam Mathieu, Andy Esposito, Paris Tsabetzis, George Lekas, Frank Mussel, Steve Dimovski, Chris Konstantinidis, Dominic Gilberto, John Goulios, Savvas Kagioglou (president), Con Makoussis (team manager). Front: Fotis Alexopoulos, Tim Papachristodoulou, Stewart Gilmour, Bill Johnson, Hugh Howe, Brendan Farmer, George Borg. Not pictured: Bill Bouzas.

CHRIS KONSTANTINIDIS, midfield from juniors.

JOHNKOULIOS, midfield, from juniors.

FOTIS ALEXOPoulos, goalkeeper, from St Albans juniors.

PARIS TSABAZIS, defender Victorian youth rep.

Backed by a committee including secretary, Ivan Iakovou and team manager Con Makoussis, Western Suburbs are much better equipped this time than the last time they entered State League.

TOM PAPACHRISTODOULOU, midfielder, from juniors.

BILL BOUZAS, striker, only 18, expected to be a sensation at centre forward next season.

Sunshine Council has improved the Ralph Reserve pitch, it has fenced the ground fully, and spent \$160,000 on new dressing rooms.

Now the club will ask for covering at the side of the building, and will look around for two or three strong players perhaps to lead Wests to the State League championship in 1984.

Last time, Wests lasted for only a season in the State League, finishing second-last and being relegated along with Slavia, after coaching stats by Jim Pyrgolos and Jim Kondilis.

Back in the First Division.

the club recruited Billy Vojtek as player-coach. Vojtek had been player-coach of Ajax, leading that club to victory in the Ampol Cup.

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West's goalkeeper Billy Johnson takes the ball above team-mates Frank Mussel (centre) and Stewart Gilmour



Western Suburbs ICI, 1969, from left, back row: Savvas Kagioglou (coach), Dimitrios Papashalis, George Makoussis, Jim Kondilis, Charlie Adamidis, Frank Bradley, Steve Collier. Front: Dimitrios Loliis, Nick Adamidis, Frank Testa, Daxi Kyriidis, Danny Melrose.

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WALLACE TO QUIT

Coach Willie Wallace will leave Wollongong City at the end of the 1983 season.

Wallace, whose one-year contact with the Wolves expires at the end of October, had declared he will not apply for next year's position.

This declaration comes after strong criticism from the club's foundation members of Wallace's failure to get results in 1982. The members claimed Wallace had failed to create a professional atmosphere within the club.

They also urged the club to appoint a local coach next year because Wallace allegedly had neglected local talent and the club had lost its Wollongong identity, it was claimed.

Wollongong is expected to make a call for applications soon.

"The club has said nothing to me so far but if they want to advertise the position it means they are not interested in me any more," Wallace said.

Club secretary John Vlietstra said the club was bound to abide by the wishes of its fans.

"And if the message is loud and clear we have to respect their demands," Vlietstra said.

But the Wollongong secretary said Wallace was not to blame for Wollongong's dismal record in 1983.

Wollongong is struggling to avoid the wooden spoon after finishing third in the 1982 championship.

"Our main aim this year was the survival of the club," Vlietstra said.

"And consequently, Wallace was forced to work with a limited budget and a small playing staff."

Meanwhile, Wollongong is making a strong bid to draw several Sydney-based Illawarra players back to the region. And the powerful St

Auditorium, which has been

considerable, being the currently its top goalscorer, with

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Adelaide Hollies player Steve Steer, believed to be the most soccer history, which lured him to the Rothman's New

Dunedin City in the penultimate at the head of the ladder.

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Hamburg v. Gremio for World Cup

By PAUL MOON

The 1983 Copa Libertadores winner, Gremio of Porto Alegre, and current European Champions' Cup holder SV Hamburg, will meet on December 11 in Tokyo to contest the 4th Toyota Cup which must now be the most coveted prize in world club soccer.

The trophy, whose destination is determined after a single game in neutral Japan, superceded the scandal-strewn World Club Cup which ended in 1980. The original was played in 1960 and was won by a home and away basis and is remembered primarily for the foul play it provoked.

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High noon Sunday, Ajax can do it

High noon for Laurie Schwab and Les Shorrock falls a bit late on Sunday. By almost five hours. For come 5 pm, they'll owe me money, their punishment for backing Croatia to win the 1983 State League championship.

Gully has to beat Doveton at Waratah Reserve to win its third successive title. Gully will win, despite the startling humility suddenly appearing from the green and white camp. Team manager Mike Borg told me last Sunday that this will be an extremely tough match and the Gully lads will have to be really reved up for it.

Mario, I understand the psychology behind your attitude, but you've no need to worry. After all, if you fail, you don't have to leave the country like this reporter will be forced to. You simply can say that two out of three ain't bad.

Croatia will keep the heat on Gully by breaking Doveton's opening Polish at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday. The Polish backed outfit needs about four new players to be a real top four prospect. Should Polonia defy the odds and win a place in the 1984 NSW, it would need at least six newcomers to maintain its newfound status.

Come back Donald Brownlie, all is forgiven. That should be the cry echoing around Wembley Park, for the Box Hill stopper was sorely missed against Sunshine-George Cross last weekend. With big Brownlie back and Richard Miranda in midfield, the Hillmen have much needed bite for their trip to Croydon on Sunday and will make a game of it. However, I expect the home side to come out top.

Sunshine-George Cross should be too well drilled, too powerful for Morwell Falcons at Chapel Reserve on Sunday. Carl Gilder will be available after suspension but he's going to find it hard to break back into the forward line with the effort of Mick McCormick, Nortie Pate and Roger Bain last Sunday. Don't get me wrong, I think that Gilder is the best target man in State League, however, combine coach Tommy Traynor may find it hard to fit his top flight striker into the starting line-up here.

Juventus will finish the league season on a winning note against the great improver of recent weeks — Hugh Murney's Albion Rovers — at Olympic Park on Sunday. But it won't be easy for the black and whites as Albion has been fighting tooth and nail for every point. Nevertheless, the quality of Graham French,



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Fabio Incantalupo, Kevin Lloyd and Jim Nelson should be enough to pip Rovers.

The basement battle between South Melbourne Hellas and Ringwood Wilhelmina at Middle Park on Saturday should end in a draw as should Sunday's Smith Reserve contest between the Cedo Cirkovic-led Fawkner and Tony Vrzina's Northcote. But Fawkner has better beween Jim Sanderson in attack. The Northcote line-up and his pace and dribbling skills may cause problems for Fawkner's defence.

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Sunsh. G. Cross.	11	3	11	41	34	25
Box Hill	10	4	11	33	39	24
Fawkner	10	4	11	37	49	24
Northcote	9	4	12	33	45	22
Morwell Falcons	8	5	12	26	42	21
Doveton	7	3	15	29	44	17
Albion Rovers	6	5	14	16	39	17
Wilhelmina	5	2	18	22	57	12
Hellas	1	5	19	22	73	7

Hellas unlucky?

GREEN GULLY AJAX 8 (Paul Lewis 6th, 25th, 71st, penalty 85th, Vassallo 29th, Cannell 69th, Smallman 76th, 80th) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** 0 at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denis B — Peter Lewis 7, Cannell 7, Short, Bogen 8 — Vassallo 8, Boyle 8, Williams 8 — Toal 8, Smallman 8.

Paul Lewis 9, Coach: David Smallman.
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Turudia 8 — Kassisas 6, Kalafatidis 6, Vassallo 6 (sent off 85th), Kentish 6, Belotti 6, Vassallo 6 — Konsoulis 7, Postecoglou 6, Abramson 6 — Cummings 7, Kekakatos 5, Coach: Jim Armstrong.

No-one ever can accuse Hellas coach Jim Armstrong of not having a sense of humor. The former star striker was

walking up the players race at the end of this drubbing alongside Ajax's Peter Lewis who said: "You were unlucky there Jimmy, there was nothing in it," Armstrong took its all in his stride.

And if not for some superb saves from young goalkeeper Mark Turudia, Ajax could have scored at least 12 here.

1-0, 6th minute: David Smallman drives in a low free kick. Paul Lewis beats a defender and shoots past helpless Turudia.

2-0, 25th: Boyle to Paul Lewis, who turns past a defender and scores a shot from 10 metres.

3-0, 29th: Paul Lewis sets up Willie Vassallo who virtually runs the ball in.

4-0, 40th: Bobby Teal gets in on the right, skates past an opponent and crosses far post for stopper Stuart Cannell to head in.

5-0, 71st: Paul Lewis is put in possession by a fine Williams ball from the left and strikes it into the far corner.

6-0, 76th: Williams again, this time sending over a superb far post cross for player-coach Smallman who heads home well.

7-0, 80th: Williams yet again, also from the left. He crosses to the post now and Smallman controls neatly then slams the ball past the far post.

8-0, 85th: Peter Vardaxis argues that he was pulled off balance by Paul Lewis. Vardaxis has had his mind made up by referee Jim Fokianos who placed the ball on the penalty spot. Vardaxis kicks the ball still arguing, and is sent off. Paul Lewis converts from the spot.

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"Peter Dickson is lucky that

he let him stay in the country until October, when his visa expires. If I had had my way, we would have sent him home after he was sent off against Croydon," said Docherty.

"And as for his comments that people had told him that he was going to be deported — what a lot of rubbish. These comments certainly didn't come from Albion. We've informed the Immigration Department that we won't be renewing his visa after it runs out in October but if he can find another club then that's his business."

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MELBOURNE CROATIA 2
(Parton 51st, Brogan penalty
71st) **DOVETON 1** (Stirton
penalty 53rd) at Olympic Park
NO. 1, Sunday.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby
6 — Hannah 7, Parton 6, Keil
Adams 7, Vassallo 6, Biskic 7,
Faulkner 7, Antalovic 7, Vassallo 8
74th). Coach: John Gardner.
DOVETON: Keogh 7 — Watson
7, Cooke 7, Buchanan 7, McLeod 7
Waterhouse 7, Scholten 7, Thurlow
7, Miller 6 — Webster 8,
Stirton 7, M. Lenson 7, Coach:
Hammy McMeeken.

This wasn't one of Croatia's more impressive efforts, nevertheless a penalty converted by David Brogan in the 71st minute made him the club's leading scorer this year but far more importantly, kept the title race open.

Croatia must beat Polonia at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday to force Ajax to down the Doves at Waratah Reserve on the same day. A draw at Waratah and a win to Croatia, will give the championship to John Gardner's men.

BOX HILL 0 SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 4 (McGowan
9th, 43rd, Scerri 18th, Richardson 52nd) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: Scholten 4 — K. Pat-
terson 6 (in), Lawler 6, T. G. 6,
Roodhouse 6, G. Patterson 6, A. 6,
Roodhouse 7, Hughes 8, Scerri 8,
5, Ramsay 7 (in), McDonald 30th)
Veresch 6, Priestley 5, Keenan 5,
Coach: Bill Murray.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS:
Contini 7 — McKinley 7, O'Reilly 8,
Scerri 7, Taylor 8 — Stevenson 7,
Richardson 7, G. Bennett 8 —
McGowan 8, Pate 8, Bain 7, Coach:
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Mike McGowan and Steve Richardson made it clear which side was going to come out on top in any physical clash, and frankly, some Box Hill players looked disinterested for the remainder of the game.

Moore wins a return trip to the country of his choice in Europe, flying Thai International.

Steve Moore is our Ametco Travel State League Player of the Year for 1983.

With one round to go, Moore has an unassailable six vote lead over Tommy Cumming of City Harry. Hird of Juventus is a further two votes behind.

Moore wins a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

Paul Lewis of Ajax hammered in four goals against Hellas last Sunday to give him 30 league goals so far, 10 more than nearest rival David Aragon of Croatia. Lewis has Ametco Travel's Top Scorer award all wrapped up and may add to his tally against Doveton at Waratah Reserve this weekend.

This is the second successive year that Lewis has been leading State League scorer and the third successive year that a Green Gully Ajax player has won the honour. Gus MacLennan was leading scorer in 1981.

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The voting in our Player of the Year award is conducted on a 3-2-1 basis for each State League game. Here are this week's votes:

AJAX V HELLAS: 3 Paul Lewis (A), 2 Vassallo (A); 1 Williams (A).

NORTH COTE V DOVETON: 3 Hebron (C); 2 G. Macleod (C), 1 Culina (C); 1 WILHELMINA V FAW-KNER:

3 Burton (W); 2 Pena (W); 1 Verniers (W).

CROATIA V DOVETON: 3 Gojevic (C); 2 Thurlow (D); 1 Webster (D).

BOX HILL V.S.G. CROSS: 3 McGowan (SGC), 2 G. Bennett (SGC), 1 Patte (SGC).

MORWELL V JUVENUS: 3 French (J), 2 Train (M); 1 G. Bannon (J).

POLONIA V ALBION: 3 F. Macleod (A), 2 Smart (A); 1 Coyle (A).

PROGRESSIVE VOTES: 35 — Moore (Northcote)

29 — Cumming (Croatia)

27 — Hird (Juventus)

21 — Kalafatidis (Hellas)

20 — Tuffield (Fawkner)

19 — Peter Lewis (Ajax), Miller (Polonia)

LEADING SCORERS: 30 — Paul Lewis (Ajax)

20 — Brogan (Croatia)

19 — Cumming (Croatia)

17 — Smallman (Ajax)

12 — McGuinness (Morwell)

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ton's right side. Peter Blasby fumbled and finally failed to hold Thurlow's cross. Keith Adams cleared, but only to Stan Webster whose shot was handled by Faulkner and the resultant penalty was tucked away by Ian Stirton.

The goal that mattered also came from the penalty spot. That decisive moment arrived in the 11th minute when Faulkner played the ball long down the left. Cumming broke in, was felled, and Brogan's conversion gave Croatia a valuable two points from a scrappy, disappointing contest.

McGorian's might crushes Hillmen

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SOCER ACTION

CLUB CLOSE-UP

CAULFIELD CITY

Victorian Third Division champion



Caulfield City, from left, back row: Paul Anagnostopoulos (team manager), Dimos Koulakas, Tom Patsakos, Laurie Peressonis, George Meletis, Tom Taliidis, Laurie Petrou, Nick Tyrikos, Tony Tolios, Taki Svingos. (Coach).

Front row: George Theoharidis, Peter Tsitridis, Melis Theoharidis, Steve Lambropoulos, Louie Sakkas, John Bitsonis, Colin Allison, Anestis Triantafyllidis, George Skamatelos, John Topalidis.
Inset: Con Sidiropoulos. Missing: Greg Daglis.

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We all take pride in the fact that our club is a vehicle for a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction to our youth.

I am delighted with the success we have enjoyed in the past two seasons and feel that it is only a stepping stone to even bigger and better things.

On behalf of the committee I wish to express our deep felt appreciation of the work of our coach, players and supporters, in bringing us this success.

DAVID JAMES (PRESIDENT)

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

SYDNEY CITY PONOVO ZA PETAMA Makedonije

Do sada je Sydney City nekoliko puta imao sansu da zameni Makedoniju u celu tabele. "Crveno-crni" su uvek do sada uspešni da se otrese od opsesije, kao sarov da jutarnje rođe. Međutim, u posljednjih dana nije više u pitanju da li će Sydney City poplaviti koja se zove Sydney Cup. Razlika je svega dva puta pred međusobnim tekstom u Sydneyu. Makedonija, neće biti tako ni domaćem timu, koji nema navijaca u svome gradu, akamoli izvan njega, sto mu nije smetalo da tri puta osvoji prvenstvo Nacionalne lige. Utakmica se igra u subotu 24. septembra.

Pozor Makedonije protiv Olympica tekuško su primili igrači, koji su se u sele godine junaci nosili sa svim iskustvima fudbalskog prvenstva. Bogat tigra u gorkoj pogodnosti nešto ponajčešće grupice navijaca, koji niknuli bili u koci igrača. Makedonija je uvek prva, ali je prvi put u teziji kroz zbog mnogih nevolja, koje se mogu prebruditi u poslov navijaca. Kako ce iduci put primeti Wilson, kada je napadnut od navajaca uvedrana i kanticama piva, zbog toga sto je primio neodbranjiv gol? Uostalom, sto Makedonija nije preteći tezji poraz zasluzni su golman Wilson i mladi Posinas.

U svakom slučaju, naslov prvaka je trenutno u pitanju i trka postaje mnogo interesantnija, ali još uvek je Makedonija najbliži cilju, sto je velika psihološka prednost pred veliki derbi u Sidneu ju.

NEUGODAN PORAZ "PLAVIH" U SIDNEJU

"Plavi" nisu preskocili jedanestu prepreku, sto je sasvim razumljivo. Teret je bio suveli viklji, a redovi poredjeni i umorni. Iako im nije bio ni malo pribrijan poraz u Sidneju, "plavi" navijaci nisu razocarani, naprotiv spremni su da svojim i jubinacima pruže najveću moguću potporu za sledeće tri utakmice, koje uzastopno igraju u Melbourne.

Tesko je svladavati kriticu za poraz u Sidneju na bilo kog igrača, ali očigledno je da samo Jamie Paton, kao obeležen igrač, ne može donositi pobjede. I ostali igrači imaju dužnost da postigu gol, jer je njima lakša, kad je Paton opkoljen sa par nemilosrdnih curvara. Tim, koji na dve utakmice ne iskoristio mogućnost, da uvek igračima posreduje utakmicu u Sidneju, mora da pretrpi poraz. Dakle, dužnost je uprave, ali i trenera, kako McLachlan da pronađu što je pogresno, a trener, koji se skinu u deo odgovornosti sa Patonovim ledjima. Posto je kraj sezone, a JUST ne može nista da izgubi, treba pronoći dati sansu Pavlu Simicu, ali i mlađom Tomi Karicu, koji je potencijalni strelac, a poređ toga i neutrasiv.

Iz Sidneja se vratio najtužniji Sulejman Curović, koji je htio da pobedi da uveliča proslavljenog 21. rođendanu, koju su pri primeni njegova rođenja i brojna porodica su prijavile. Sve je bio ispravno dužnost, jer se burio kao lav do zadnjeg minuta protiv protivnika, koga je sportska scena bogata nagradila toga dana, iako je po igri rezultat mogao biti i obrnut.

U nedelji 25. septembra "plavi" dočekuju na svom igralištu ambicioznog St. Georgea za koga neće imati milosti, jer su prvi tim koji ih je porazio u Sidneju. U predigrki, koja počinje u 1. po polne, nastaju seči, a timu Rowville United i Keysborough, sto se citi zanimljiva utakmica, jer su u pitanju iskusne ali i gračiozne predstavnice lepseg pola na fudbalskom polju.

AJAX OSIGURAO TREĆU TITULU

Samo cudo može uskratiti igračima i navijacima Green Gully Ajaxu radi uvezene, koju donosi treća uzastopna titula fudbalskog prvenstva. Viktorija, utočište vrednija sto je klub ostao bez dva na glasu trenera, postu su ih napustili u navajnjim trenucima, na početku i usred priprema. To je dokaz vise da je sa dobrim igračima lako biti dobar trener. Jedno je si-

gurno, da će Paul Lewis biti najtraženiji i najskupljiji igrač Viktorije, ako se adloci da ostane u Australiji. Naivece razocaranje na kraju sezone pripredili su Fawkner i Northcote, tako da imaju najbolje uslove za rad i tamcenje. Slučaj je htio da se ova dva kluba sa neovisnim snovima susretnu u zadnjem kolu ovogodišnjeg prvenstva, ali sve ovi bicke upere na utakmicu u Dovetonu, gde bi moglo da se dogodi cudo, koje prizeljkuju navijaci Croatia.

USPEH "PLAVIH" ROMANTICARA

U drugoj diviziji odigrano je par zaostalih utakmica, koje nisu ni male utakmice na konacu raspoređene. St. Albans je samo povrdo naslov prvaka, posto je pregazio beznežnog Dandenong City. Posto se pomerio sa drugim mestom North Dandenong, a u jednom bodovu sa Kelvor/Austrijevim, da milijunar učestvuje u Dovetonu, gde bi moglo da se dogodi cudo, kada je prije utakmice u svetu, iako im nije mogao dati drugi mesto. Na tabeli treće provizionalne divizije, prvi na mesta pripadaju nasim klubovima: Springfield United (Bratisvo/Ledinstvo), je ubedljivo prvi sa 46 bodova, drugi je Pascoe Vale/PELISTER sa 42 bodova, treći je Altona/VOJVODINA sa 34 bodova. Cheltenham se postavio između ova tri kluba, koja prelaze u stariji razred, i West Geelong/MAKEDONIJE na petom mjestu sa 34 bodova. U predigrki rezervi Pelistera savladala je Vojvodinu sa 1:0 (1:0). Strelič: Dusko Nincevski, Arthur Christov, Con Stoikos i Bože Karevski.

Isti večeri održana je svečanost u Socijalnom klubu za igrače druge divizije. Trofej najboljeg igrača dobio je Arthur Christov, dok je drugi bio Dusko Nincevski. Pehar za igrača, koji je najviše napredovao u sezoni, pripao je Borcuću Momirovskom, starom 15 godina. Najbolji strelič drugog tima je Con Stoikos sa 14 golova, a rezerve Mile Sokolović sa 11 golova.

Družište JUSta je jedini nas klub, koji je ostanao u Metropolitan Cupu. Prosle nedelje "plavi" romantici su u osmini finala lako i ubedljivo savladali prvaka treće divizije Caulfield City sa 4:2 (2:1), sto je skroman rezultat prema sansama. Domaci tim je jeftino postigao ova gola, posle neodgovorne igre obranbenih igrača. Golove su postigli Con Anthony

Clayworth 3 i Arie Perez Reijoza iz jedanaestercaka. Sastav: Peter Hrehoreš, Radovan Barjaktarević, Marimo Oblak, Nedeljko Rajić, Zoran Krnić, Jim Fernandez (Edi Krt od 75. minuta), Goran Gagić, Arie Perez Reijoza, Anthony Clayworth, Emi Petrović, Cane Velevski. Iako je tezko izdvojiti najbolje igrača, ipak treba posebno povalhati Goru Gagiću i Tony Clayworthu zbog "het-trika". Po nekud domrom dirigovanom zrebu, drugi tim JUSta nece nikada niktati domaćin u Metropolitan kupu od prvog kola do finala, ako do istih dođe. Ali još već u prvoj, kada je zabrana igračima istog kluba, koji su odigrali par utakmica u Nacionalnom ligu, uključujući i konačnu sezonu. Po pravilima hokratike, koja vodi nad budžetom, to je već greh nego istoku sudija, jer je kazna manja za takve igrače. U cetvrt finalu "plavi" romantičari sastaju se sa Knox Cityem na Egan Lee Reserve, Wallace Road, Wantirna South, Vic. 73 B.3.

JUGO DERBI PROVIZIONALNE LIGE

Zaostala utakmica za prvenstvo treće provizionalne divizije između Pascoe Vale/PELISTERA i Altona/VOJVODINE završila se neresenom 1:1 (0:1). Strelič: Adam Miller za Vojvodinu u 55. i Danny McLochlin u 87. za Pelistera. Dok igrači Pelistera žele da su igrali fer, dotle igrači Vojvodine žele da je to bila najteza utakmica i da su dečaci igrači igrali kao da je u pitljaku prvenstva sveta, iako im nije mogao dati drugi mesto. Na tabeli treće provizionalne divizije, prvi na mesta pripadaju nasim klubovima: Springfield United (Bratisvo/Ledinstvo), je ubedljivo prvi sa 46 bodova, drugi je Pascoe Vale/PELISTER sa 42 bodova, treći je Altona/VOJVODINA sa 34 bodova. Cheltenham se postavio između ova tri kluba, koja prelaze u stariji razred, i West Geelong/MAKEDONIJE na petom mjestu sa 34 bodova. U predigrki rezervi Pelistera savladala je Vojvodinu sa 1:0 (1:0). Strelič: Dusko Nincevski.

PROVIZIONALNI KUP

Carlton/MLADOST — BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO 2:6 (2:1). Na igru nije učinkalo sto je Mladost u prvoj, a Bratstvo/Jedinstvo u trecoj diviziji. Na završku je izgledalo obrnuto, jer su "plavi" iz Springvile boljom kondicijom i takmičkom potpuno nadigrali domaci tim. Medutim, u početku igre mogao da bude da bude u Cane Trajković i Milorad Milosević, nisu propustili da se centar zrele sile. Nakon nekoliko njemačkih igrača, koji su učinili prvi pogodak, igrači iz Springvile boljom kondicijom i takmičkom potpuno nadigrali domaci tim. Medutim, u početku igre mogao da bude da bude u Cane Trajković i Milorad Milosević, nisu propustili da se centar zrele sile. Nakon nekoliko njemačkih igrača, koji su učinili prvi pogodak, igrači iz Springvile boljom kondicijom i takmičkom potpuno nadigrali domaci tim. Medutim, u početku igre mogao da bude da bude u Cane Trajković i Milorad Milosević, nisu propustili da se centar zrele sile. 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This Sunday September 25



ZRAVDKO LUJIC
(Footscray)

Curtain-raiser at 1 pm. Victoria Women's Cup-Final
ROWVILLE UNITED v KEYSBOROUGH

FOOTSCRAY v ST GEORGE

Schintler Reserve
K.O. 3 pm

Previous results

'77	0-0
'78	2-0
'79	5-1
'80	5-3
'81	
'82	2-2



PETER STONE
(St. George)



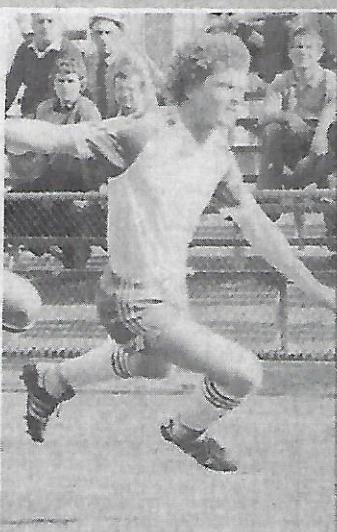
STEVE BLAIR
(South Melbourne)

SOUTH MELBOURNE v WEST ADELAIDE

Middle Park K.O. 3 pm

Previous results

'77	1-2
'78	0-2
'79	3-4
'80	0-2
'81	5-0
'82	2-2



GRAHAM HEYS
(West Adelaide)